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Evers wants to fully fund Wisconsin's program for smaller class sizes

MADISON — State Superintendent Tony Evers is asking the Legislature to fully fund a state program that helps students succeed by reducing class sizes in early grades. The state superintendent's proposed 2013-15 education budget includes $10.9 million for the second year of the biennium, to ensure the Student Achievement Guarantee in Education (SAGE) program can provide participating school districts with the per-pupil payment set down in state law.

"Small class sizes give young children more time with their teachers, and research has shown this can be a powerful way to help them graduate on time and achieve more during their schooling," Evers said. "That's why Wisconsin created the SAGE program 16 years ago, but we haven't been able to provide districts with the full support intended by the law."

SAGE helps Wisconsin school districts pay the costs of smaller class sizes, especially for low-income children. Districts that sign a five-year SAGE contract must ensure student-to-teacher ratios of no more than 18:1 or 30:2 in SAGE classrooms at the kindergarten and first grade levels (and optionally in second and third grade SAGE classes). These districts then receive a certain amount of annual funding for each low-income student in the SAGE classes. The per-pupil payment is stipulated in state statute as $2,250, but since the 2007-08 school year, funding has not kept up with increasing demand, and the actual rate has been pro-rated to lower amounts. In 2012-13, actual per-pupil payments were $2,046 per student.

To participate in SAGE, districts must also increase collaboration between schools and communities, implement a rigorous curriculum, and improve professional development and staff evaluation practices.

The number of low-income children in SAGE classrooms has increased five of the last six years. This growth has been fueled primarily by increasing poverty.

"Considering that our students' success ultimately helps the economy of our entire state, the SAGE program should be a priority as we decide where to invest state resources for the next two years," Evers said.

Approximately 449 schools, or 36 percent of elementary schools in the state, currently participate in SAGE.

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NOTE: A list of all schools participating in the SAGE program follows. The department's 2013-15 biennial budget request and additional information are available at http://news.dpi.wi.gov/news_2013-15-state-budget-information. This news release is available electronically at http://news.dpi.wi.gov/files/news/pdf/dpinr2012_139.pdf.

Wisconsin schools participating
in the SAGE program, 2012-13

Abbotsford School District
Abbotsford Elementary

Adams-Friendship Area School District
Adams-Friendship Elementary
Grand Marsh Elementary
Roche A Cri Elementary

Algoma School District
Algoma Elementary/Middle

Alma Center School District
Lincoln Elementary

Alma School District
Alma Elementary

Almond-Bancroft School District
Almond Elementary
Bancroft Elementary

Altoona School District
Pedersen Elementary

Amery School District
Lien Elementary

Antigo Unified School District
East Elementary
Mattoon Elementary
North Elementary
West Elementary

Appleton Area School District
Badger Elementary
Columbus Elementary
Edison Elementary
Foster Elementary
Horizons Elementary
Jefferson Elementary
Lincoln Elementary

Arcadia School District
Arcadia Elementary

Argyle School District
Argyle Elementary

Ashland School District
Lake Superior Primary
Marengo Valley Elementary

Athens School District
Athens Elementary

Auburndale School District
Auburndale Elementary

Augusta School District
Augusta Elementary

Barneveld School District
Barneveld Elementary

Barron Area School District
Almena Elementary
Ridgeland Elementary
Woodland Elementary

Bayfield School District
Bayfield Elementary

Beaver Dam Unified School District
Jefferson Elementary
Lincoln Elementary
Washington Elementary

Beecher-Dunbar-Pembine School District
Pembine Elementary

Belmont Community School District
Belmont Elementary

Beloit School District
Converse Elementary
Gaston Elementary
Hackett Elementary
Merrill Elementary
Robinson Elementary
Todd Elementary

Benton School District
Benton Elementary

Birchwood School District
Birchwood Elementary
Birchwood Public Montessori

Black Hawk School District
Black Hawk Elementary

Black River Falls School District
Forrest Street Elementary
Third Street Elementary

Blair-Taylor School District
Blair-Taylor Elementary

Bloomer School District
Bloomer Elementary

Bonduel School District
Bonduel Elementary

Boscobel Area School District
Boscobel Elementary

Bowler School District
Bowler Elementary

Boyceville Community School District
Tiffany Creek Elementary

Bruce School District
Bruce Elementary

Butternut School District
Butternut Elementary

Cadott Community School District
Cadott Elementary

Cambria-Friesland School District
Cambria Friesland Elementary

Cameron School District
Cameron Elementary

Cashton School District
Cashton Elementary

Chequamegon School District
Glidden Elementary
Park Falls Elementary

Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Area School District
Roselawn Elementary

Clayton School District
Clayton Elementary

Clear Lake School District
Gaylord A Nelson Educ Center

Clintonville School District
Longfellow Elementary

Cochrane-Fountain City School District
Cochrane-Fountain City Elementary

Colby School District
Colby Elementary

Coleman School District
Coleman Elementary/Middle

Cornell School District
Cornell Elementary

Cudahy School District
Lincoln Elementary
Park View Elementary

Cumberland School District
Cumberland Elementary

Dodgeland School District
Dodgeland Elementary

Dodgeville School District
Dodgeville Elementary
Ridgeway Elementary

Dover #1 School District
Kansasville Elementary

Drummond Area School District
Drummond Elementary

Durand School District
Arkansaw Elementary

Eau Claire Area School District
Flynn Elementary
Lakeshore Elementary
Locust Lane Elementary
Longfellow Elementary
Sherman Elementary

Edgar School District
Edgar Elementary

Elcho School District
Elcho Elementary

Eleva-Strum School District
Strum Elementary

Ellsworth Community School District
Hillcrest Elementary

Elmwood School District
Elmwood Elementary

Evansville Community School District
Levi Leonard Elementary

Fennimore Community School District
Fennimore Elementary

Florence County School District
Florence Elementary

Fond du Lac School District
Chegwin Elementary
Evans Elementary
Parkside Elementary
Riverside Elementary
Waters Elementary

Fontana J8 School District
Fontana Elementary

Frederic School District
Frederic Elementary

Galesville-Ettrick-Trempealeau School District
Ettrick Elementary
Galesville Elementary
Trempealeau Elementary

Gillett School District
Gillett Elementary

Gilman School District
Gilman Elementary

Goodman-Armstrong Creek School District
Goodman-Armstrong Elementary

Granton Area School District
Granton Elementary

Grantsburg School District
Grantsburg Elementary
Nelson Elementary

Green Bay Area Public School District
Danz Elementary
Eisenhower Elementary
Fort Howard Elementary
Howe Elementary
Jefferson Elementary
Lincoln Elementary
Nicolet Elementary
Sullivan Elementary
Tank Elementary

Greenwood School District
Greenwood Elementary

Gresham School District
Gresham School

Hartford J1 School District
Lincoln Elementary
Rossman Elementary

Hayward Community School District
Hayward Primary
Waadookodaading Ojibwe Elementary

Hillsboro School District
Hillsboro Elementary

Hurley School District
Hurley Elementary

Independence School District
Independence Elementary

Janesville School District
Jackson Elementary
Wilson Elementary

Kickapoo Area School District
Kickapoo Elementary

La Crosse School District
Coulee Montessori Charter
Emerson Elementary
Hamilton Early Learning Center
Hintgen Elementary
North Woods International School
Northside Elementary
School of Technology and the Arts I
Southern Bluffs Elementary
Spence Elementary
State Road Elementary
Summit Elementary

La Farge School District
La Farge Elementary

Lac du Flambeau #1 School District
Lac du Flambeau Elementary

Ladysmith School District
Ladysmith Elementary

Lake Geneva J1 School District
Central-Denison Elementary
Eastview Elementary
Star Center Elementary

Lake Holcombe School District
Holcombe Elementary

Lancaster Community School District
Winskill Elementary

Laona School District
Robinson Elementary

Luck School District
Luck Elementary

Madison Metropolitan School District
Allis Elementary
Crestwood Elementary
Emerson Elementary
Falk Elementary
Glendale Elementary
Gompers Elementary
Hawthorne Elementary
Huegel Elementary
Lake View Elementary
Leopold Elementary

Lindbergh Elementary
Lowell Elementary
Mendota Elementary
Midvale Elementary
Muir Elementary
Nuestro Mundo Community School
Orchard Ridge Elementary
Sandburg Elementary
Schenk Elementary
Thoreau Elementary

Manitowoc School District
Franklin Elementary
Jefferson Elementary

Marinette School District
Garfield Elementary
Merryman Elementary
Park Elementary

Marion School District
Marion Elementary

Marshall School District
Marshall Early Learning Center
Marshall Elementary

Marshfield Unified School District
Nasonville Elementary

Mauston School District
Lyndon Station Elementary
West Side Elementary

Mellen School District
Mellen Elementary

Menominee Indian School District
Keshena Primary

Mercer School District
Mercer School

Merrill Area School District
Jefferson Elementary
Kate Goodrich Elementary
Maple Grove Elementary
Washington Elementary

Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District
Sauk Trail Elementary

Milwaukee School District
Academy of Chinese Language
Allen-Field Elementary
Barton Elementary
Business and Economics Academy of Milwaukee
Brown Street Academy
Browning Elementary
Bruce Elementary
Bryant Elementary
Burbank Elementary
Carson Academy
Cass Street Elementary
Clarke Street Elementary
Clemens Elementary

Congress Elementary
Doerfler Elementary
Eighty-First Street Elementary
Emerson Elementary
Engleburg Elementary
Fifty-Third Street Elementary
Forest Home Elementary
Franklin Elementary
Fratney Elementary
Gaenslen Elementary
Grant Elementary
Grantosa Drive Elementary
Greenfield School
Gwen T. Jackson Elementary
Hampton Elementary
Hawthorne Elementary
Hayes Bilingual School
Hi-Mount Elementary
Hopkins Lloyd Elementary
Keefe Avenue School
King Elementary
Kluge Elementary
La Causa Charter
LaFollette Elementary
Lancaster Elementary
Lincoln Avenue Elementary
Longfellow Elementary
Lowell Elementary
Maple Tree Elementary
Metcalfe Elementary
Milwaukee Sign Language Elementary
Mitchell Elementary
Neeskara Elementary
Obama Elementary
Parkview Elementary
River Trail Elementary
Rogers Street Academy
Sherman Elementary
Siefert Elementary
Silver Spring Elementary
Starms Discovery Learning Center
Starms Early Childhood Center
Story Elementary
Stuart Elementary
Thoreau Elementary
Thurston Woods Elementary
Townsend Street Elementary
Victory Elementary
Westside Academy
Wisconsin Conservatory of Lifelong
    Learning
Zablocki Elementary

Minocqua J1 School District
Minocqua Elementary

Mondovi School District
Mondovi Elementary

Montello School District
Forest Lane Elementary

Necedah Area School District
Necedah Elementary

Neillsville School District
Neillsville Elementary

Nekoosa School District
Humke Elementary

New Auburn School District
New Auburn Elementary

New Holstein School District
New Holstein Elementary

New Lisbon School District
New Lisbon Elementary

North Crawford School District
North Crawford Elementary

North Lakeland School District
North Lakeland Elementary

Northland Pines School District
Eagle River Elementary
St. Germain Elementary
Land O'Lakes Elementary

Northwood School District
Northwood School

Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District
Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton Elementary

Norway J7 School District
Drought Elementary

Oconto Falls Public School District
Abrams Elementary
Oconto Falls Elementary

Oconto Unified School District
Oconto Elementary
Oconto Literacy Charter

Oshkosh Area School District
Jefferson Elementary
Roosevelt Elementary
Washington Elementary
Webster Stanley Elementary

Osseo-Fairchild School District
Fairchild Elementary
Osseo Elementary

Owen-Withee School District
Owen-Withee Elementary

Pecatonica Area School District
Pecatonica Elementary

Pepin Area School District
Pepin Elementary

Peshtigo School District
Peshtigo Elementary

Phelps School District
Phelps Elementary

Phillips School District
Phillips Elementary

Pittsville School District
Pittsville Elementary

Portage Community School District
Muir/Woodridge Elementary
Rusch Elementary

Potosi School District
Potosi Elementary

Prairie du Chien Area School District
B. A. Kennedy School

Prairie Farm Public School District
Prairie Farm Elementary

Prentice School District
Ogema Elementary
Prentice Elementary

Princeton School District
Princeton School

Pulaski Community School District
Glenbrook Elementary

Racine Unified School District
Fratt Elementary
Giese Elementary
Julian Thomas Elementary

Randolph School District
Randolph Elementary

Random Lake School District
Random Lake Elementary

Reedsburg School District
Ironton-La Valle Elementary
Loganville Elementary
Pineview Elementary
South Elementary
West Side Elementary

Rhinelander School District
Crescent Elementary
Pelican Elementary

Rib Lake School District
Rib Lake Elementary

Rice Lake Area School District
Haugen Elementary
Hilltop Elementary
Jefferson Elementary
Tainter Elementary

Richland School District
Doudna Elementary
Jefferson Elementary

River Valley School District
Arena Elementary
Lone Rock Elementary
Spring Green Elementary

Riverdale School District
Riverdale Elementary

Royall School District
Elroy Elementary

Saint Croix Falls School District
  Dresser Elementary
  Saint Croix Falls Elementary

Seneca School District
  Seneca Elementary

Shawano School District
  Brener Elementary
  Hillcrest Primary

Sheboygan Area School District
  Jefferson Elementary
  Longfellow Elementary
  Sheridan Elementary
  Washington School for Comprehensive
    Literacy

Sheboygan Falls School District
  Sheboygan Falls Elementary

Shell Lake School District
  Shell Lake Primary

Shullsburg School District
  Shullsburg Elementary

Siren School District
  Siren Elementary/Middle

Solon Springs School District
  Solon Springs School

South Milwaukee School District
  Lakeview Elementary

South Shore School District
  South Shore Elementary

Southern Door County School District
  Southern Door Elementary

Southwestern Wisconsin School District
  Southwestern Wisconsin Elementary

Sparta Area School District
  Cataract Elementary
  Lawrence-Lawson Elementary
  Maplewood Elementary
  Southside Elementary

Spooner Area School District
  Spooner Elementary

Spring Valley School District
  Spring Valley Elementary

Stanley-Boyd Area School District
  Stanley Elementary

Stockbridge School District
  Stockbridge Elementary

Stratford School District
  Stratford Elementary

Sturgeon Bay School District
  Sawyer Elementary
  Sunrise Elementary
  Sunset Elementary

Sun Prairie Area School District
  Bird Elementary
  Westside Elementary

Superior School District
  Bryant Elementary
  Cooper Elementary
  Great Lakes Elementary
  Lake Superior Elementary
  Northern Lights Elementary

Suring Public School District
  Suring Elementary

Thorp School District
  Thorp Elementary

Tigerton School District
  Tigerton Elementary

Tomahawk School District
  Tomahawk Elementary

Trevor-Wilmot Consolidated School District
  Trevor Grade School

Tri-County Area School District
  Tri-County Elementary

Turtle Lake School District
  Turtle Lake Elementary

Two Rivers Public School District
  Koenig Elementary

Unity School District
  Unity Elementary

Verona Area School District
  Country View Elementary
  Glacier Edge Elementary
  Stoner Prairie Elementary
  Sugar Creek Elementary

Viroqua Area School District
  Viroqua Elementary

Wabeno Area School District
  Wabeno Elementary

Washburn School District
  Washburn Elementary

Watertown Unified School District
  Schurz Elementary

Waukesha School District
  Whittier Elementary

Waupaca School District
  Chain O' Lakes Elementary
  Waupaca Learning Center Elementary

Wausau School District
  Franklin Elementary
  G. D. Jones Elementary
  Grant Elementary
  Hawthorn Hills Elementary
  Lincoln Elementary
  Thomas Jefferson Elementary

Wausaukee School District
  Wausaukee Elementary

Wautoma Area School District
  Redgranite Elementary
  Riverview Elementary

Wauzeka-Steuben School District
  Wauzeka Elementary

Webster School District
  Webster Elementary

West Allis-West Milwaukee School District
  Franklin Elementary
  General Mitchell Elementary
  Hoover Elementary
  Horace Mann Elementary
  Irving Elementary
  Jefferson Elementary
  Longfellow Elementary
  Madison Elementary
  Pershing Elementary
  Walker Elementary
  Woodrow Wilson Elementary

Westfield School District
  Coloma Elementary
  Oxford Elementary
  Westfield Elementary

Weston School District
  Weston Elementary

Weyauwega-Fremont School District
  Weyauwega Elementary

White Lake School District
  White Lake Elementary

Whitehall School District
  Pigeon Falls Elementary

Whitewater Unified School District
  Washington Elementary

Wild Rose School District
  Pleasant View Elementary
  Wild Rose Elementary

Winter School District
  Winter Elementary

Wisconsin Dells School District
  Lake Delton Elementary
  Neenah Creek Elementary
  Spring Hill Elementary

Wisconsin Rapids School District
  Grant Elementary
  Grove Elementary
  Howe Elementary
  Mead Charter Elementary
  THINK Academy
  Vesper Charter Elementary
  Washington Elementary
  Woodside Elementary

Wonewoc-Union Center School District
  Wonewoc Elementary

Woodruff J1 School District
  Arbor Vitae-Woodruff Elementary